

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

**MAILED**

**MAY 22 2003**

**PAT. & T.M. OFFICE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

---

Ex parte MAURICE J.M. CUIJPERS

---

Application 09/179,290

---

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

---

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 22, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed October 27, 1998 (Paper No. 4). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Application 09/179,290

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and for such further action as may be appropriate.

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

By:



\_\_\_\_\_  
CRAIG FEINBERG  
Program and Resource Administrator  
(703) 308-9797

cc: PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NORTH AMERICAN CORP  
580 WHITE PLAINS RD  
TARRYTOWN, NY 10591

gjh  
RA030330